

CHAPTER NO. 493

HOUSE BILL NO. 1400

By Representative Fowlkes

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 567

By Senator Graves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 2, Part 4, relative to providing certain information to foster parents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-415, is amended by inserting the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(_) At the time of placement of a child in a foster home, and no later than at the time the foster care placement contract is signed, the foster parent shall be informed, in writing, through a succinct checklist form, of all information that is available to the department regarding the child's:

(1) pending petitions, or adjudications of delinquency when the conduct constituting the delinquent act, if committed by an adult, would constitute first degree murder, second degree murder, rape, aggravated rape, aggravated robbery, especially aggravated robbery, kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping or especially aggravated kidnapping;

(2) behavioral issues which may affect the care and supervision of the child;

(3) history of physical or sexual abuse;

(4) special medical or psychological needs of the child; and

(5) current infectious diseases.

All information shall remain confidential and not subject to disclosure to any person by the foster parent.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-415(a), is amended by inserting in the second sentence the language "or through an agency which contracts with the department to place children in foster care," between the language "children's services," and the words "pursuant to".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999



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